

HERMIT PRIEST OBSERVES 79TH DAY OF BIRTH

Has Served Thirty-Six Years in
Exile in Aiding Sufferers of
Dread Malady Leprosy

(By Associated Press)
HONOLULU, T. H., May 22.—(By Mail.) Brother Dutton, the "hermit priest of Molokai," the leper island of the Hawaiian group, celebrated his 79th birthday and his 36th year of labor among the exiled inhabitants of the colony on the rock-bound peninsula of Kalawao recently, according to messages to friends in Honolulu.

"I am still happy and the outside world has no attraction for me," wrote the successor of the famous martyr-priest, Father Damien, who died a victim of leprosy, after years of devotion to the care of the Kalawao exiles. "I find my duty and my pleasure in trying to ease the suffering of stricken humanity here," Brother Dutton added.

The life story of Brother Dutton is unique according to Honolulu friends. He had never set foot off the lonely island since his arrival there 55 years ago, to work with Father Damien. Once a soldier, he retired with the rank of captain after the Civil War. He was "de bonis," a lover of the pleasure of life, a Bonu Brummel, and he sowed his wild oats until he was 35 years old. Then he concluded that "his life had been wasted and he must salvage it through penance."

As a convert to Catholicism, he was baptized at the Trappist monastery at Gethsemane, Ky. He determined to bury himself from the world and to spend the remainder of his days in self-abnegation.

In the Redemptorist monastery in New Orleans he read a magazine article describing the life of Father Damien on Molokai. He decided that his life should be devoted to the care of the lepers, and he sailed from San Francisco in 1886. When Father Damien died, he took over all of his duties.

No mother nursed her children with more tender care than Brother Dutton bestows on his charges, visitors to the colony have said. In life he comforts them in body and ministers to their spiritual needs.

RELIGION FAR EAST LOSING ITS PRESTIGE

Anti-Christian Movement Among
Students Peking University
Becomes Alarming

(By Associated Press)
AMOI, China, May 15.—(By Mail.)—The religious world of the Far East is stirred by an anti-Christian movement which started early in May among the students of Peking university, and is now rapidly spreading among the students of private and government schools throughout the country. These young people term Christianity a superstition and harmful to the people, taking away reverence for ancestors and freedom of thought and action.

The new movement has begun an energetic propaganda, which in turn has brought Christian leaders to the front, many of whom look upon the movement with grave misgivings, not knowing what will be the outcome. Others think it is simply the result of a desire to organize something, and that the best means of defeating it is to ignore it.

Conditions provoking the organization of such a movement are said by Christian leaders to be the rapid progress of Christianity in China, taken together with much talk and advertising of the recent World's Christian Student Conference and other conferences of a like nature held in this country. The students are declared to be unconscious tools in the hands of leaders, who are seeking favorable conditions for the breaking up of organized society and the working of communist ideas.

The leaders of this anti-Christian movement are Dr. Tsai Yanpei, chancellor of the Peking national university; Wang Chaoming, secretary to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and Chen Tsu-shu, who is a socialist. Sub organizations will no doubt spring up. A free love society has already been formed among the students of Amoy university.

Considering the possibility of an anti-foreign movement resulting, the local consular bodies have taken up the matter with the commissioner of foreign affairs who, however, pronounces himself unable to give any promise of protection in case of persecution.

LONG KNOWN HEART CENTER HUMAN SYSTEM

Egyptian Physicians in Days of
Hebrew Patriarchs Were
Aware of This Fact

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, June 15.—Egyptian physicians in the days of the Hebrew patriarchs knew that the heart is the center of a system throughout which its pulsations are felt. Besides muttering incantations, they performed operations, made diagnoses, catalogued cases and verdicts and pursued investigations in a scientific spirit, according to a study of the Edwin Smith Papyrus made by Prof. J. H. Breasted of the university of Chicago.

Professor Breasted will discuss the papyrus at the Champollion Centenary at Paris on July 12, and his paper will be published in one of two volumes, one containing articles by scholars of France, the second, articles by scholars of other countries, which are to be prepared in honor of Champollion.

In a preliminary account of less technical nature appearing in the quarterly bulletin of the New York Historical Society, which owns the papyrus, Professor Breasted declared that the ancient document lay in a coffin for "some three and a half millennia." Pointing out that it was discovered by an American, Edwin Smith, the Chicago orientalist asserted that it contained "incomparably the most important body of medical knowledge which has survived to us from the ancient Orient anywhere." He explained that whereas the other known ancient Egyptian medical documents were "hodgepodge of recipes dominated by magic," part of the Smith Papyrus contained a systematic organization and discussion of cases.

The passage about the heart reads, in part: "There is in it (the heart) a canal leading to every member of the body. Concerning these—if the physician—places the fingers on the back of the head, on the hands, on the pulse, on the legs, he discovers the heart, for the heart leads to every member and it beats (literally, 'speaks') in the canals of every member." Doctor Breasted said that although a similar account is given in the Papyrus Ebers, the account in this papyrus is longer, and "forms an explanatory gloss appended to a case of a wound in the head—apparently in an effort to account for disturbances carried throughout the body, though resulting from the seemingly local trouble in the head. This effort to reach a scientific explanation of the observed conditions illustrates the physician's interest in the scientific aspects of his subject, which we find throughout this venerable document."

The papyrus reveals a tendency to trust more to operations than to

MATRIMONY NOT INCLUDED LIST HAZARDOUS TASK

Reduction of Scale of Wages
for Women in California
Touches Subject

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—The complaint that the "common hazards of life, including matrimony" were not included by the Industrial Welfare Commission in its recent reduction of the minimum wage for women in California from \$16 a week to \$15, is considered by the commission as the most unusual objection made by its action.

The commission declined to reveal the source of this complaint, but said it was not an isolated instance, because from another source (a male one) exception was taken to the commission's apparent power to restrict a "matrimonial inclination."

Said the second complaint: "We feel that to be just we should ask ourselves the following question: 'If I happen to be born a female with the same (I believe intelligent) brain that I am endowed with, but owing to circumstances am compelled to toil for a meager wage of \$15 a week, what would my thoughts be if intelligent, educated men who owing to the law, have the power to retard my health, my strength, my education, my matrimonial inclination, religious thought, cleanliness and my pleasure, reduce my minimum wage to \$15 a week?'"

drugs, and a disposition to co-operate with nature which Professor Breasted considers extraordinarily advanced. For example, the practitioner is advised in certain cases "to moor the patients on his fingers," meaning "to put him on his accustomed food without giving him medical treatment." Professor Breasted suggested that the idiom was derived from the custom of eating with the fingers and observed, "The student of English 5000 years hence will doubtless find phrases about food, like 'grub-stage' quite as puzzling."

The text contains directions for operations on fractures and dislocations in head and neck. Part of the papyrus was sold to Mr. Smith in January, 1862, by Egyptians who had ransacked a tomb. Two months later they sold him a counterfeit roll patched together from rubbish which they gave the appearance of a papyrus by wrapping around it and gluing in place tattered fragments which they had stripped from the genuine roll. Mr. Smith recognized and rescued the new fragments, which contained the discussion of the heart and its system of canals.

HIGHWAY MEN WILL ASSEMBLE AT SACRAMENTO

Eleven Western States Will Be
Represented at Meeting On
June 16th and 17th

(By Associated Press)
SACRAMENTO, June 15.—National highway builders from eleven western states, prominent automobile association officials and national park officers and women prominent in women's clubs will meet in Sacramento June 16 and 17 at the annual convention of the National Park-Park association. It is announced.

Plans are being made by the highway committee of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce for the entertainment of the delegates.

The association has for its object the linking up by highway of all the national parks, with a road 4900 miles in length.

Besides the association officers, the convention will be attended by officials of the American Automobile Association, Stephen T. Mather, director of national parks; representatives of chambers of commerce; national highway association officers and members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of America.

Gus Holmes, managing secretary of the association, is expected in Sacramento June 13 to complete arrangements for the convention.

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TELEGRAPHERS PLAN OLD TIME REUNION

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, June 15.—The 39th reunion of the Old Time Telegraphers' and Historical Association will be held in Chicago on September 14, 15 and 16. The organization has 1500 members, representing every state, and all of them telegraph operators of the "old school." Some of the members have been in the business of manipulating the key for more than half a century and all have experience of at least a quarter of a century. Among the members are numbered men prominent in civic and industrial life.

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